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SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

1. MAURITANIA HAS DENOUNCED PROCLAMATION OF SAHRAWI DEMOCRATIC
ARAB REPUBLIC AS ANOTHER ELEMENT OF PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN ORCHESTRATED
BY NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. EXPRESSING VIEW OF GIRM, MAURITANIAN MINISTER

POR INFORMATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SAID LARGE MAJORITY OF SAHRAWI
PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR MADRID ACCORD AS PROVED BY VOTE OF
JEMAA ON FEBRUARY 26 IN EL AAIUN. MINISTER SAID LARGE
NUMBER OF SAHRAWI HAD BEEN FORCED BY ARMED BANDS TO GO TO ALGERIA. HE

CONCLUDED THAT "MAURIAANIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE FILE ON
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THE SAHARA IS DEFINITELY CLOSED AND IT WILL NEVER ALLOW ANY KIND

OF MEDDLING IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS".

2. 'ABDALLAHI OULD CHEIKH, MAURITANIAN GOVERNOR IN FORMER TRI-PARTITE ADMINISTRATION, HAS RETURNED TO NOUAKCHOTT. DURING NEWS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 29, OULD CHEIKH NOTED THAT TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION HAD COMPLETED ITS TASKS. HE STATED THAT EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF JEMAA ON FEBRUARY 26 WAS ATTENDED BY SIXTY MEMBERS. NWE EMPHASIZED THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA WILL PROCEED IN FRUITFUL MANNER FOLLOWING REATTACHMENT OF WADI DHEHAB TO MAURITANIA AND SAGUIET EL HAMRA TO MOROCCO. OULD CHEIKH ADDED THAT MAURITANIA LOOKS FORWARD TO DEVELOPING CLOSE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH SPAIN.

3. HAMOUD OULD ABDEL WEDOUD, MAURITANIAN GOVERNOR CHARGED WITH PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF WADI DHEHAB, ANNOUNCED THAT REMAINING SPANISH ADMINISTRATORS DEPARTED DAKHLA PERMANENTLY ON FEBRUARY 28. HE COMMENTED THAT MAURITANIAN FLAG NOW FLIES OVER BUILDINGS WHICH FORMERLY HOUSED SPANISH ADMINISTRATION. HANDYSIDE

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